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Dear Dr. Henney,


As we start the third millennium, it is important for us to look at things with a long-term perspective.

No medical advance has been as beneficial as the development of antibiotics which are almost miracle drugs with their ability to cure so many ailments. Our life-span and our quality of life has been vastly improved.

Nature doesn't stand still. Bacteria are constantly evolving. We must be careful not to help them evolve by routinely adding antibiotics to the food we feed our livestock in order to promote growth or decrease the probability of disease. This kind of large-scale application of low levels of antibiotics is the best possible way to develop bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics.

Our country can afford to raise animals without antibiotics in the feed. We must not endanger the lives of our future generations in order to gain profits today. Please look at the big picture and make sure that agriculture does not put antibiotics in animal feed.

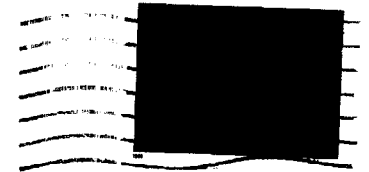
Sincerely,

  
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